

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0013] Referring to FIGS. 2 and 3, the riser assembly 14 includes generally parallel front legs 16 each extending between upper 18 and lower 20 ends. The upper end 18 is pivotally coupled at the location of ~~[[the]]~~ a first assist spring 19, to a front end 22 of the seat cushion 12 for movement of the seat cushion 12 between the seating A and forwardly dumped B positions. ~~[[A]]~~ The first assist spring 19 extends between the upper end 18 of each ~~[[the]]~~ front leg 16 and the seat cushion 12 for pivotally biasing the seat cushion 12 toward the forwardly dumped position B. The lower end 20 of each front leg 16 is pivotally coupled to a respective foot bracket 24 for movement of the front legs 16 between a support position for supporting the seat cushion 12 in the seating position A, as shown in the FIGS. 2 and 3, and a stowed position extending generally longitudinally along the floor of the vehicle. Each foot bracket 24 extends between front 26 and rear 28 hook portions. The front 26 and rear 28 hook portions are slidably engaged with generally parallel front 30 and rear 32 rods, respectively, for selective movement of ~~[[said]]~~ the seat cushion 12 between a plurality of lateral positions within the vehicle. The front 30 and rear 32 rods are fixedly secured in a lateral orientation to the floor of the vehicle by any suitable means, such as welding or bolting. The front hook portion ~~[[26]]~~ 26 comprises an arcuate member adapted to engage an upper portion of the front rod ~~[[30]]~~ 30. ~~[[The]]~~ A cinching hook ~~[[40]]~~ 40 comprises an arcuate member adapted to engage a lower portion of the front rod ~~[[30]]~~ 30. The front hook portion ~~[[26]]~~ 26 and cinching hook ~~[[40]]~~ 40 cooperate to securely engage the front rod ~~[[30]]~~ 30. The rear hook portion ~~[[28]]~~ 28 comprises a member having ~~[[a]]~~ an unshaped slot adapted to engage the rear rod ~~[[32]]~~ 32 for sliding movement therein. Preferably, rubber or polymeric bumpers 27, 29 are fixedly secured to both the front 26 and rear 28 hook portions for minimizing vibration between the foot brackets 24 and the front 30 and rear 32 rods. --

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0014] The ~~[[floor]]~~ foot brackets 24 are fixedly secured to opposite sides of a central bracket 33. A second assist spring 34 extends between the lower end 20 of each front leg 16 and the central bracket 33 for biasing the front legs 16 toward the stowed position. A cross member 36 extends laterally in the vehicle between the front legs 16 for stabilizing the movement of the front legs 16 between the support and stowed positions. --

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0015] ~~[[A]]~~ The cinching hook 40 is pivotally assembled by a pivot pin 143 to the foot bracket 24 adjacent the front hook 26 for movement between a locked and unlocked position. In the locked position, the cinching hook 40 cooperates with the front hook portion 26 to bindingly cinch the front rod 30 for resisting lateral displacement of the seat assembly 10 along the front 30 and rear 32 rods. In the unlocked position, the cinching hook 40 is substantially disengaged from the front rod 30 to allow manual lateral displacement of the seat assembly 10 along the front 30 and rear 32 rods. A biasing member 42 is coupled between the foot bracket 24 and the cinching hook 40 for biasing the cinching hook 40 toward the locked position. --

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0018] In use, the front 16 and rear 50 legs extend generally upright in the support position to support the seat cushion 12 in the seating position A. The location of the link 44 associated with the cinching hook 40 in front of the pivot point of the seat cushion 12 relative to the front legs 16 pulls the link 44 to maintain the locked ~~[[cinch]]~~ cinching hook 40 when in the seating position. ~~The link 44 pulls the cinching hook 40 toward the locked position against the force applied by the biasing member 42.~~ The front rod 30 is cinched between the cinching hook 40 and the front hook portion 26 preventing manual lateral movement of the seat assembly 10 along the front 30 and rear 32 rods. The bumper 27 is compressed between the front hook portion 26 and the front rod 30 to minimize noise caused by vibration therebetween. --

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0019] To move the seat cushion 12 between the seating A and forwardly dumped B positions, the latch hook 56 is released from the pin fixedly secured to the floor by suitable releasing means, such as a release lever, as commonly known by those skilled in the art. The seat cushion 12 is ~~then~~ then freely pivotally movable between the seating A and forwardly dumped B positions. When the seat cushion 12 is moved to the forwardly dumped position B, the link 60 responsively pulls the rear legs 50 to the stowed position. Movement of the seat cushion 12 toward the forwardly dumped position B is assisted by the first assist spring 19. The link 44 is urged generally downwardly, as viewed in the figures, to move the cinching hook 40 to the unlocked position in response to the pivotal movement of the seat cushion 12 toward the forwardly dumped position B. Thus, while the seat cushion 12 is in the forwardly dumped position B, the seat cushion 12 is manually displaceable along the front 30 and rear 32 rods. Further, while the seat cushion 12 is in the forwardly dumped position B, the seat cushion 12 with the seat back in the flat position is movable to the forwardly stowed position C by pivotal movement of the front legs 16 from the support position to the stowed position. Movement toward the forwardly stowed position C is assisted by the second assist spring 34. --

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0020] The seat cushion 12 may be returned to the forwardly dumped position B by rotating the front legs 16 toward the support position against the bias of the second assist spring 34. From the forwardly dumped position B, the seat cushion 12 may be pivotally moved to the seating position A against the bias of the first assist spring 19. While the seat cushion 12 is moved to the seating position A, the link 60 responsively urges the rear legs 50 to the support position from the ~~stowed~~ stowed position. The link 44 is urged generally upwardly to move the cinching hook 40 toward the locked position to prevent lateral movement of the seat cushion 12 along the front 30 and rear 32 rods. --

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0023] More specifically, the track assembly 130 includes a lower track 132 fixedly secured to the floor of the vehicle and an upper track 134 slidably engaged to the lower track 132 for sliding movement between a plurality of lateral positions within the vehicle. A locking mechanism 150 is coupled between the lower 132 and upper 134 tracks for selectively locking the upper track 134 in any one of the plurality of lateral positions. The locking mechanism 150 is manually unlocked by a manual release mechanism 151, such as a ~~bowden~~ Bowden cable and lever, depicted by the dashed line of FIG. 3. Alternatively, the locking mechanism 150 is coupled to the ~~[[scat]]~~ seat cushion 12 by a link 152 represented by the dashed line of FIG. 3 linking the locking mechanism 150 and the seat cushion 12 at 153. Appropriate links 152 include a rod or a ~~bowden~~ Bowden cable, for selectively unlocking the locking mechanism 150 in response to movement of the seat cushion 12 between the seating A and forwardly dumped position B. The track assembly 130 and the locking mechanism 150 may be of any suitable type commonly known by those of ordinary skill in the art. --

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0025] Many ~~modification~~ modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims, the invention may be practiced other than as specifically described. --